



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 2004

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse is a major health problem that affects millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, with a significant medical, societal and economic cost; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse is a treatable disease, and treatment of addiction is as successful as the treatment of other chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and asthma; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to educating the public about alcoholism, drug dependence and treatment, and helping individuals complete the recovery process; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the North Dakota Addiction Counselors Association and the North Dakota Addiction Treatment Providers Coalition are working to increase awareness about the benefits of treatment and the treatment services available to all North Dakotans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2004, **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State